

## CITY OF DUBLIN

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## PRESS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT:** Holiday Crime Suppression

## DUBLIN POLICE SERVICES TO BE OUT IN FORCE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

During the next two months, Dublin Police will be deploying extra staff to conduct a Holiday Crime Suppression Detail. The operation will target crime trends that are common during the holiday season. The increase in staff will include marked and unmarked patrol vehicles and officers on foot patrol and bicycles.

The holidays are a special time of year, and a time when busy people forget to be careful about their property and personal safety. As a result, people are especially vulnerable to theft and other crimes.

Dublin Police would like to remind the public to report suspicious activity to the police department and remember the following holiday safety tips:

- When shopping, park your car in a well-lit area.
- Do not leave packages, shopping bags or valuables in plain view inside your car.
- Lock your packages, gifts, and valuables in your vehicle's trunk. If car does not have a trunk, be certain valuables are out of sight or concealed so they cannot be easily identified.
- While inside stores, never place packages on floors or counters or leave them unattended when purchasing additional items.
- Parked cars should have all windows tightly closed and all doors locked. Always have your car keys
  readily available in your hand before you walk to your car, and scan interior of car to be sure no one is
  hiding inside.
- Always be aware of your surroundings. Be cautious of strangers approaching you for any reason. Criminals may try various methods of distraction with the intent of taking money or belongings.

- Women should carry purses under their arms, and men should carry wallets in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Whenever possible, pay for purchases with checks or credit cards.

Dublin Police can be reached at the following telephone numbers:

Dispatch: (925) 462-1212

Crime Prevention: (925) 833-6690

Dublin Police Service General: (925) 833-6670

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